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BROADCASTING METHOD, PROGRAM
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM THAT
PROVIDE INTERACTIVE OPERATION
IMMEDIATELY AFTER REPRODUCTION
START

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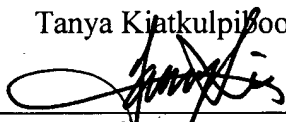
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